



Attorney Docket No. 085761-0004

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My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name; I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural inventors are named below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled: **METHOD FOR SHORTENING INTERNODE OF INFLORESCENCE BY INTRODUCING GENE FOR PETUNIA TRANSCRIPTION FACTOR PetSPL2**, the specification of which was filed on September 18, 1998 and bears S.N. 09/156,580.

I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above. I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, Section 1.56. I claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, Section 119 of any foreign applications(s) for patent or inventor's certificate listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed.

Prior Foreign Application(s)

Country	Application No.	Date of Filing	Priority Claimed Under 35 USC 119
JAPAN	10-224852	AUGUST 7, 1998	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
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